



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/573,210	William N. Gregg	2926PCTUS2033805PCTUS

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/US03/33832

I.A. FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE
10/23/2003	

United States Surgical  
a Division of tyco Healthcare Group  
195 McDermott Road  
North Haven, CT 06473

CONFIRMATION NO. 7313

371 FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC000000021396848\*

Date Mailed: 11/29/2006

## NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/24/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/24/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/24/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 05/08/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/24/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/24/2006
- Specification filed on 03/24/2006
- Claims filed on 03/24/2006
- Drawings filed on 03/24/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit their reply to this notice via EFS-Web.  
<https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/AuthenticateUserLocalEPF.html>

For more information about EFS-Web please call the USPTO Electronic Business Center at 1-866-217-9197 or visit our website at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc>.

**If you are not using EFS-Web to submit your reply, you must include a copy of this notice.**

KAYA L LEWIS BALTIMORE

Telephone: (703) 308-9140 EXT 202

**PART 2 - OFFICE COPY**

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/573,210	PCT/US03/33832	2926PCTUS2033805PCTUS